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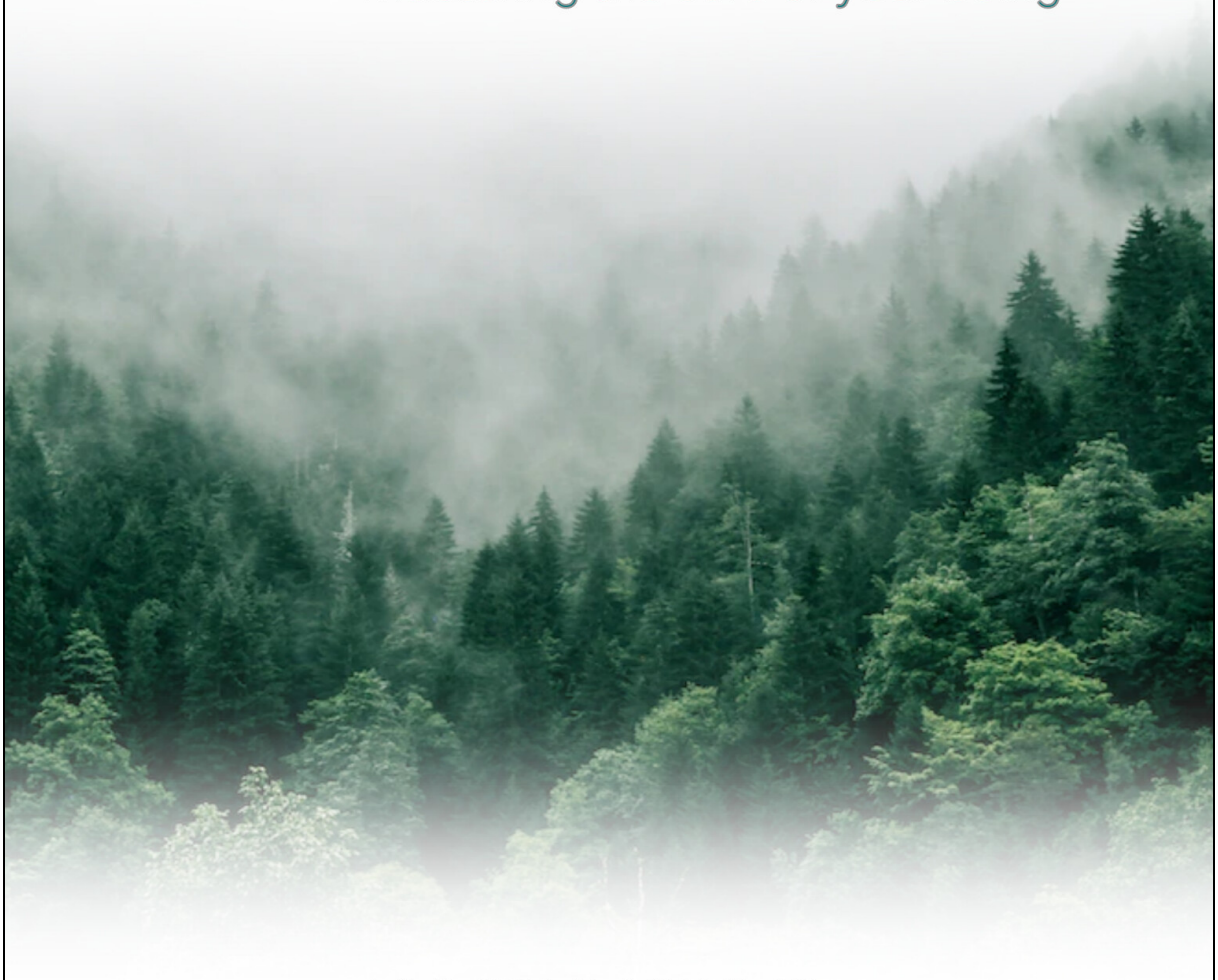

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Mastering the core of your being

The concept of 'becoming' is viewed differently and given several approaches. In this book, I will be exploring this concept in a new light as revealed by the Holy Spirit and from my walk with God and experiences.

This book will guide you into manifesting your true self, calling out and revealing to you the essence of your existence (living) and the core of your being. In it you will discover how to come into alignment with God's plan and purposes for your life.

There's no way we would explore the concept of 'becoming' without considering the origin of our being which is LIFE and God is life.

Life on earth takes on different forms: Life is breath, Life is perception, Life is choice, Life is connection, Life is time, Life is a combination of all these.

Our journey on earth comprises of a continued exploration of who we are and what lies within us. Man was made in the image and likeness of God; therefore, this search for 'who we are' must begin from 'whom we are from'.

Genesis 1:26-28 kjv

[26] And God said, ***Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:*** *and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

[27] So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

[28] And God blessed them, and God said unto them, ***Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.***

God is and has always been in the business of making men. God made man in his image and likeness; man was made to look like God and to function like him. God was the model for man. In Genesis 1:26-28, the purpose of making man was expressly stated. God did not make man because he wanted rivalry or a competition; the reason why man was created was so that he (man) may rule over the earth and everything created. Man was created to govern, rule, to have dominion and power over the earth.

After God made man, he equipped him to live effectively on the earth by proclaiming THE BLESSING.

The blessing is not a wish, it is a command to 'BE'.

The word BE is an action word; hence the blessing is a command to take an action and the action is to BECOME.

BECOMING is a blessing that entails reconnecting with the core of your being.

The bridge between who you are now and who you can be is BECOMING

This book seeks to explore the core of your being, and providing guidance towards becoming - presently coming into the existence of all you were created to be.

I dedicate this book to my parents.

From them I learned some of life's most valuable lessons.

More importantly, they first pointed me to Divine Wisdom as the best answer to life's many questions.

The lyrics of for King and Country hit song "God only knows" express my emotional and spiritual journey since my mum's unexpected death in 2016.

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INTRODUCTION

Mastering the core of your being

Seeing that man is made in the very image and likeness of God, and is designed to live a higher life, one that is characterized by rulership of the earth and dominion over created things; why then do very few ever walk this incredible path and many die like mere mortals?

The answer lies in mastering the core of your being.

When God was about creating mankind he said in *Genesis 1:26 "let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over the creatures that move along the ground".*

Mankind was made like God, in other words man is a god being since God is the origin of man. Rulership is responsibility and man was created to be responsible for the earth. Man was not created to contend with Elohim. God does his will in heaven while it is mans responsibility to carryout God's will on earth. Whenever we take on responsibilities, we enter into our original state of existence.

The first man Adam revealed several attributes of God before the fall; amongst many other things, he had revelation knowledge of things he was never taught. Learning comes from education while knowing comes from revelation; learning is cognitive, while knowing is spiritual. I like to think of the nature of man before the fall as the operating system of a computer. The active operating system of man before the fall was 'god being' - Spirit (for God is a spirit). This changed after the fall which gave room for the flesh to gain control.

The spirit - god being was in control until man disobeyed God and ate of the fruit he was commanded not to eat. This singular act by man brought several consequences and initiated the active running of a new program called FLESH which had already been in existence with the first program - SPIRIT. The flesh was originally under the active control of the spirit before the fall. This changed after the fall as the flesh now overides the 'god being' program thereby introducing several features that were absent in the original design of mankind.

One of the first features of the flesh introduced by the fall of man is "CONSCIOUSNESS". Prior to the fall, man was ruled by the 'subconscious'. The subconscious is a powerful driver, stronger than the conscious mind. The subconscious is more attuned to the spirit while the conscious is attuned to the flesh and physical realities. After the first man and woman had eaten of the tree of the knowledge of good

and evil, their eyes were opened and they knew that they were naked.

Genesis 3:7

[7]And the eyes of them both were opened, ***and they knew that they were naked;*** *and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

They weren't conscious of their nakedness, until after eating the fruit. The bible records that they were naked and not ashamed prior to eating of the fruit.

Genesis 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

The second feature introduced by the fall is "MASTERY". Before the fall man did not have to master anything, instead he knew all things just like God; we see this vividly in how and what he called the animals brought to him by God; and in describing the first woman when he woke up from the deep sleep. The first humans created were adult beings as such there was no need for them to 'grow into' the purpose for which they were created; in other words there was no need for mastery. From day one Adam lived out the purpose for which he was created, so did the woman. Mastery bacame imperative after the fall.

Imagine what the offspring of the first man and Woman would have been if man did not disobey God. I believe that the offspring would have no need to be taught because they will know all things since they are all products of God's design - the all knowing God. They would have been spirit because they are born of Spirit. But thanks be to God who even before the fall had a redemption plan to restore man to his rightful place and now we can live the higher life in Christ.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; ***and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.***

1 John 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, ***and ye know all things.***

The word unction is from a Greek word translated 'Chrisma' which means an unguent or smearing i.e the special endowment of the Holy Spirit.

The fall also introduced the need for man to be 'TAUGHT' the ways of God. In the original plan man was not suppose to be taught/instructed in the ways of God by another man. Adam was instructed in the ways of the lord by the Spirit of the lord in man. Man was suppose to know God by revelation.

Job 32:8 ***But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.***

Jeremiah 31:34 ***And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man***

his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD*: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

The fall introduced the need to be taught by the precept of men.

Isaiah 29:13 - 14Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

[14]Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

God in his mercy still gives us teachers after his heart, even today.

*Isaiah 30:20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, bu****t thine eyes shall see thy teachers:***

The flesh is bound by time as such everything that is associated with the flesh is time bound. Our being is not flesh alone neither is it god being (spirit) alone. Our being is and has always been a combination of the two. Before the fall of man, the latter had dominion over mankind but after the fall, the former gained control.

Mastering the core of your being entails superimposing your god being over the flesh; this is how you can truly become all you are meant to be.

In this book, I have examined the core of your being as revealed in Genesis and stated action steps that guarantees the superimposition of the god being over the flesh.

THE ORIGIN

The word 'become' was used for the first time in the bible after man had eaten of the tree God command him not to eat. This was used to describe in essence the consequence of his action and what had befallen man. Man originally was made in the IMAGE and LIKENESS of God; mankind was likened to God, he was made to resemble God both in form and nature (image refers to the 'form' while likeness refers to the 'nature'). So the first man had the form and nature of God before the fall. The lacking of either of the two i.e form or nature would have ultimately affected the operation of man on earth and so having the two components was important.

When the serpent tempted the woman, he deceived the woman into desiring his nature. This is what he said in *Genesis 3:4-5*

[4]And the serpent said unto the woman, ***Ye shall not surely die:***

*[5]****For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.***

Note that the serpent did not attribute the character of 'knowing good and evil' to God; he said ***"... and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."***

However, this was God's original instruction to man *Genesis 2:16-17*

[16]And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

[17]But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: ***for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.***

God's nature is void of evil; God is good, he knows only good. Jesus confirmed this when a man asked him a question and said 'good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'. Jesus responded like this: *Mark 10:18*

[18]And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? ***there is none good but one, that is, God****.*

It is not only in God's nature to do good; GOD IS GOOD, he is the personality of good. When you examine 'good' as an act, it reveals the handiwork of God.

Jesus said in *Matthew 7:18*

[18]A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

This means that good and evil cannot proceed from the same source. God is the source of good as such only good proceeds from him.

When a tree brings forth good fruit, it is said to be a 'good tree'; when a tree brings forth evil fruit, it is said to be an 'evil tree'. What then do you call a tree that brings forth both good and evil fruits? God calls such a tree 'the tree of knowledge of good and evil'.

The serpent beguiled the woman into desiring something that wasn't found in the LIKENESS of God i.e in the nature of God. The contention was for 'likeness'; the serpent desired to corrupt the image created by God whose likeness was of God (i.e Man) thereby introducing his defect nature. When man ate of the tree he was commanded not to eat, in that moment he lost the nature of God, his likeness was corrupted and was far from the likeness of God.

Genesis 3:22-23

[22]And the LORD God said, Behold, ***the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil:*** *and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:*

[23]Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

There are a couple of Hebrew and Greek words throughout scripture that is used to explain the word 'become'. The first Hebrew word for 'become' is **hâyâh** which means to exist.

Secondly **'âwâh** which means to do or make in the broadest sense and widest application.

Thirdly **hâphak** which means to turn about or over; by implication to change

Lastly, **mâshal** which means to liken or to resemble

The Greek word for 'become' is **ginomai** which means to cause to be, to cause to generate, to come into being.

The word used for become in Genesis 3:22 means to liken or to resemble. I want you to take note of the tense used in this portion of scripture: "*And the LORD God said, Behold,* ***the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil".*** The phrase 'is become' as used is in present continuous tense. So man in that moment was likened to a being which was not God. It didn't take forever for this change in likeness to happen; it happened in the same instant the action (eating of the fruit) was taken; as a consequence. It is from this point that God initiated a plan to redeem man and impart his nature again to man. This necessitated the coming of Jesus, his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead.

John 1:11-13

[11]He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

[12]But as many as received him, ***to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name****:*

[13]Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Become in this scripture is the Greek word ginomai which means to cause to be, to come into being. The only way to overwrite that which came into being from the fall of man is to become sons of God by believing on the name of Jesus. Dear reader, If you have not believed and received Jesus into your life, here is an opportunity to do so

before proceeding to to the next chapter of this book. This is the first step in truly Becoming. Say this believing in your heart:

Dear Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God and came to earth to redeem me from destruction. I receive you into my life as Lord and I receive the forgiveness of sin by the blood you shed on the cross. Amen

(Hallelujah! You are now a son of God purchased with the blood of Jesus. Rejoice!)

Becoming is transitional and this can happen in an instant or over time but the goal remains 'to look like' and 'to come into being'.

There are three stages involved in becoming:

- Gaining an awareness that results in the change of view or perspective.
- Generating a desire for knowledge - to know by experience.
- Resolving to act based on the changed view or perspective.

Those who truly become are those who are resolute in their actions based on the change in perspective.

Your journey of becoming begins with what you see but does not end there; you must resolve to act based on what you see.

Now let us explore the core of your being and how to truly BECOME.

CHAPTER ONE

PERCEPTION

As a created being you have both spiritual and physical senses; these senses are a gift from God; the activeness of these senses is in the ability to 'PERCEIVE' i.e to see, to be aware of and to understand. Any sense that is void of it's ability to perceive is useless. One of the primary function of senses is that it allows you interact with the environment. It is a blessing to have the senses function in the way they are designed to function.

Isaiah 43:7-8

[7] Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

[8] Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

The senses are for perception. There is no human that is without a sense for perception be it physical or spiritual. The problem with most individual is that these senses are not quickened hence even though the sense organs are present, perception by these senses is absent. In the scripture above, the category of people that were brought forth are those who had their sense organ present but lacked perception by these organs. The problem with the blind is not that they lacked eyes neither is the problem with the deaf the absence of ears.

Jesus during his time on earth had encounters with this category of people and spoke in this manner about them:

Matthew 13:13-17

[13] Therefore speak I to them in parables: ***because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.***

[14] ***And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:***

[15] ***For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.***

[16] ***But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.***

[17] For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to

see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

According to Jesus, the reason why this people are not healed or converted is because their heart is not sensitive to perception even though they had sense organs present. This is also the case with many people today. But to his disciples he said "blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear".

Perception is a function of light. Perception exist because of the existence of light. A lot of people go through life with no perception; they walk in darkness. Light is the only remedy for darkness. Without perception you cannot become what you were created to be.

Perception is a product of observation. Your eyes become openned as you consider or observe what is before you. Most people pray that their eyes be openned, but fail to 'look again'. To look again entails focusing on a thing i.e eliminating distractions, identifying what is visible and establishing a connection with what is not visible. Your perception is informed when you look again. Take a look at the patriach Abraham:

Romans 4:19-21

[19]And being not weak in faith, ***he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:***

[20]He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

[21]And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

What he did not consider i.e the deadness of his body and Sara's womb reveals what he considered - the promise of God. His focus was on what God promised thereby eliminating distractions such as his own body. This act made the promise visible to him as he could only see what God has promised.*Genesis 1:1-5 [3] And God said, let there be light: and there was light. [4] and God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. [5] And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

I believe that what scientist perceived to be ‘the explosion’ in the big bang theory is the physical effect of the word of God 'let there be light'. When God said let there be light, he was enforcing/initiating the spreading of his kingdom – dwelling place (heaven) on the formless earth; remember that God dwells in light (1 Timothy 6:16). This singular act of God i.e enforcing the spread of his kingdom is still in effect and in motion even today. Light is the origin of life in the universe. The very existence of life in the universe came from light. It is important to state that Light did not originate from darkness, i.e

darkness is not the origin of life. Darkness is the absence of light. The darkness that was in the face of the deep reveals the absence of Light i.e the influence of God's kingdom in vacuum (space) at that time. All that we see on the earth today shows God's influence and the spreading of that influence; the firmament, sea animals, land animals, hills, vegetations, etc and even man. The amount of darkness swallowed up was dependent on the amount of light present. Practically, one candlelight can not light up a city. With increase in the amount of light comes the dispersion of darkness.

Matthew 6:22-23

[22]The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

[23]But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

The body will experience darkness if there's no eye and if the eye is evil; in other words, the body will experience perpetual darkness if perception is absent and if perception is wrong; both cases leads to same outcome. Perception is very important in becoming all that God has created you to be. You must become aware of what lies within you and you must understand the gifts that you have been given. You can't afford to go through life without perception; it is disastrous and is an unprofitable venture.

Singleness of eye guarantees that the body is full of light. Singleness of eye means two things:

(i) Unity in perspective (ii) Clarity of vision (i.e seeing things the way they can be)

UNITY IN PERSPECTIVE

Your perspective will determine your response, and your response in turn will determine your experience. Ultimately your perspective will determine your experience.

Perspective is how you see; it is your plane of interpretation (PI). The things you hear or see or touch with the physical senses have the capacity to inform your perspective; in the same vein, the things you perceive with your spiritual senses can inform your perspective. What makes a stone appear as a stumbling block to one and as a stepping stone to another is PERSPECTIVE.

Your perspective is a function of what you know i.e it is a function of knowledge; and knowledge in turn broadens your perspective hence increases clarity. In either ways, the lack of or abundance of knowledge informs your perspective; and this is key to becoming. Perspective is a function of FOCUS. What you focus on becomes your perspective.

True change is the change of your perspective

To become what you were created to be you must embrace God's perspective at all times. You must see like God sees. You have to see yourself through God's lens rather than through the lens of your predicament. I wrote a song 'The Cry' same day I wrote the last examination paper for my undergraduate program in the University of Jos where I studied Microbiology; the lyrics says:

I want to see like you see

I want to know like I am known

Lord align my thoughts to yours

And teach me your ways

This song captures my heart desire and is one of those songs I have written whose lyrics just proceeded out of my mouth without a pre-thought beacuse it has always been my heart desire to see like God.

God's perspective or view is his interpretation of your circumstances and this is suppose to be your Plane of Interpretation (PI) if you must come into being all you were created for. Embrace God's interpretation of your circumstances i.e embrace God's perspective; this is key to mastering the core of your being.

When I was a kid, I was very curious and always wanted to know how things work; so I spent a lot of time with people that were older than I was; this in turn helped shape my perspective positively as I was actively gleaning from their experiences and knowledge. As I grew up I realized that for every change in demeanor that I went through, there always was an underlying change in perspective (view).

At age 6, I was already a member of The Boy's Brigade Nigeria in Jos, Plateau State; and was made the anchor boy of the junior section due to the early manifestation of leadership qualities. Anchor boy is a position of leadership; and children who expressed leadership characteristics in their early stage such as influencing other kids positively by their actions, were most likely going to hold that position. Many thought I was going to scale up the ladder and maybe in the future become a commander of a section or company in the Boy's Brigade due to my commitment. I guess God had different plans.

I was 7 years old when my Sunday School, All Saint Military Protestant Church Jos, Plateau State initiated a program for young children who were interested and gifted in singing. At this point, I only showed interest but didn't know if I was gifted with singing as I was yet to discover. Prior to this time, I was drawn towards the band section of the Boy's Brigade but the older folks would not allow me and others of same stature to play

the drums - saying we were small and weak to lift the drum. Here's an opportunity to try something new, I thought to myself. When the Sunday School Choir started having rehearsals, the timing collided with that of the Boy's Brigade and here I was, placed in a position to choose as I couldn't divide myself to be present in both community. In one of the choir rehearsals, my music teacher Mrs Julcit asked me to lead a song she had just taught us; this was the first time I was called upon to lead a song, and I wasn't sure if I was going to impress my her; in fact I was tensed. Nevertheless, I did as my teacher asked and discovered she didn't interrupt me; she kept asking me to lead the song a couple more times and I was becoming more comfortable every time we sang the song in the course of the rehearsal. This singular event changed my perspective and so it was obvious what my choice was going to be between the Boy's Brigade and the Sunday School Choir.

From that time, I actively participated in the Sunday School Choir and even became a well known lead vocalist for several years. As I drew towards becoming 13 years of age, it became glaring that I was soon going to hand over the lead vocalist role to younger pupil since in my Sunday School, children of age 13 to 16 had a separate gathering from children below the said age; therefore my involvement with the choir would be affected as a result of the transition. One of my Sunday School teachers had just handed over his piano to my brother who had expressed interest in learning the instrument and while the instrument was in our house, I observed my brother closely when he played the piano. I would often jump on the instrument whenever he takes a break from rehearsing and play exactly what I heard him play. This was how I started to learn how to play the piano. I thought to myself, since I was moving into the teenage class and would no longer lead the choir in songs as lead vocalists, I could as well play the piano while the other children perform their song; at this time, it has never been seen before in that assembly where children played the musical instruments during their music performance. I was beginning to see things differently and this propelled me further into learning the piano with ardent zeal and minimum supervision. Within a space of three month, I had grasped the basics and was proficient with playing common chord progressions.

Today, I play the piano, the guitar, recorder and I sing professionally all because I had a change in perspective per time. I would have remained the same if my perspective did not change. True change begins with a change in perspective.

Your perspective will determine your response, and your response in turn will determine your experience. Ultimately your perspective will determine your experience.

CLARITY OF VISION

Vision is a revelation or picture of the future; it is the source of discipline. Vision is a conception that is God inspired. Only by seeing what is not yet physical can you bring

something new, creative and exciting into existence. Creativity is largely a function of your seeing. Your seeing governs your living - How you see governs how you live.

In Genesis 1, we see God display this very attribute in the creation of heaven and earth. Everything God spoke into being was clearly envisioned; this is seen in how he articulated every created thing, stating their purpose, position and provision.

Your speakings will always reveal your seeing. How you speak will always reveal how you see. How you speak is a revelation of your perspective; and what you hear, see or handle informs your perspective. For your eyes to be single, you must hear the right things and cultivate the right pictures. Words are the machinery by which spiritual realities are conducted into the physical.

The opening of the eyes is hinged on consideration - the observation of what is before you. Your eyes open as you consider or focus on a thing.

CONCEPT OF SIGHT

Sight is a blessing from God, it is an enablement associated with being made in the image and likeness of God. There are three levels of sight:

Insight (understanding and perception)

Foresight (vision)

Hindsight (evaluation, review, rare view)

Sight is not limited to the presence of physical eyes; this is the reason why visually impaired persons may still exhibit other levels of sight.

ORIGIN OF SIGHT

In Genesis we see a vivid description of creation and how things began. Bible history tells us that the first five books of the old testament were written by Moses. He had an encounter with God on a mount where God allowed his glory to pass before Moses (Exodus 33:17-23)

In Genesis 1:1-3, observe that:

The earth was without form

The earth was void

Darkness was upon the face of the deep

The spirit of God was upon the face of the water.

God said 'let there be light and there was light , and God saw the light, that it was good.'

Throughout the creation story the phrase "God saw that it was good" kept coming at the end of the creation for each day.

I have always wondered why it was important for the phrase to be repeated. Here is the answer: When the bible said 'and God saw that it was good', God wasn't merely admiring his creation but was also declaring his personality, His goodness - His good nature.

Mark 10:18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? ***there is none good but one, that is, God.***

Luke 18:19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? ***none is good, save one, that is, God.***

Matthew 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? ***there is none good but one, that is, God:*** *but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.*

WE SEE JUST THE WAY WE ARE

YOU ARE THE WAY YOU ARE BECAUSE OF HOW YOU SEE

As a creator, when you look at your creation you should be able to see yourself in your creation. And as god beings what you see matters and determines what you become.

When you pray for a miracle, God is faithful to give a miracle; much more than that, He is interested in giving you an understanding. This is because an understanding changes how you see. A Miracle is designed to change you and how you see (perceive) God. It hurts God to see that even after performing notable signs and wonders, man remains unchanged even in their perspective of God. This is one of the reasons why he sent the Isrealites to into exile (Psalm 78). Jesus at one time went to his own country and couldn't do so much miracle because of "their unbelief". This implies that even if he had perform so many miracles, it wouldn't have changed how the people saw him. The people would have continued to perceive him as a carpenters son and not the Son of God. People will always see from their lens and not from your lens. Who you are is determined from your lens not theirs. So refuse to be conformed to their view because it may just be from a broken lens.

Matthew 13:54-58

[54]And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?

[55]Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

[56]And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?

[57]And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

[58]And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

DECLARATION

Today, I declare that my senses are quickened to perceive, my eyes see and ears hear. I see the right pictures painted by God's word and I hear his words. I adopt God's perspective as my plane of interpretation to circumstances around me.

CHAPTER TWO

CHOICE

Man is a tripartite being meaning that you are a spirit, you have a soul and lives in a body; the soul and body makes up the flesh. The body is the vessel (container) that allows us to interact with the physical realm i.e the realm associated with everything physical. The soul comprises of the mind, will emotion and conscience. When events happens within the soul, they can impact the body. When an individual is worried or troubled about a thing, this can reflect on the individuals mood, gesture and looks.

Our lives moves in the direction of our choices. The human existence is characterized by choices. The ability to choose or make decisions is a blessing from God and forms the core of your being. We make decisions on a daily basis ranging from what to eat, wear, do, where to go and when, what to listen to etc.

Choice is a powerful force which has great impact on our lives and in some cases the lives of others.

Decisions marks transitions

Decision is at the heart of every transition

The power to choose was given to man by God and this power is tested when there are options. Every time you are presented with options, you must know that it is a test of your power to choose. The existence of the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil proves the inherent power of choice in man. (Genesis 2:17)

The ability to choose is a part of your core and plays an important role in your 'Becoming'. The primary building block/material for your life on earth is not cement but decision. The ability to choose is a distinguishing factor of man from other created things; this ability also places man above created things. Loosing the power to choose can hinder you from attaining full stature of all you are created to be.

Genesis 2:9

[9]And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Deuteronomy 30:19

[19]I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

The availability of options validates the existence of the power of choice. God will not give you power and not provide a way to test it or use it.

During my undergraduate studies at the University of Jos (UNIJOS) in the year 2016, I was in a position to exercise this power of choice that I speak about. A new administration for the Nigerian Association of Microbiology Students (NAMS) Unijos Chapter has just been instituted following the completion of a successful election and first congress meeting, when the President and Secretary general of this prestigious association called me and suggested that I nurse the thought of running for president of same association in the coming year. At this point I was already serving as President of National Fellowship of Microbiology Christian Students (NAFMCS) and have previously served in several leadership positions even from my secondary school days; I knew I was been set up for a big decision which was going to have a great impact on my life and future. However I was a bit skeptical for two reasons: firstly, I had at that time never been involved in tertiary institution unionism which is a mini version of macro politics; and most of the leadership positions I held prior to this time came by nomination and appointment. Secondly, I was invested on my academics and was determined to graduate with a first class and wasn't ready to entertain any form of distraction.

Nevertheless, in the year 2017 I had to exercise this power of choice; although series of events happened which convinced me positively. A week before campaigns began, I was listening to a radio program while preparing to go to the hospital where I was doing my industrial attachment (IT) and I heard a powerful message by a well known preacher and teacher of the bible Dr Mensa Ortabil titled 'IN THE CORRIDORS OF POWER'. Amazingly this sermon is a six part series, so every morning I got to hear something new about the subject while I prepared for work and I made contemplations in my heart whether to contest for the position of NAMS president or not.

By the end of that week everything was clear to me and I had come to a conclusion to contest for the position. The decision to vie for the office of the president was one of the best decisions of my life. Fast forward, after the elections I was declared the winner with a number of votes that doubled my opponent's votes.

While serving as President, I gained a lot of experience and built a firm people management and organizational skills. During the campaign periods I had my fair share of doubts seeing that one of the aspirant was the Director of Socials of the previous administration; nevertheless I didn't give in to doubts instead I rose up and was stout about my decision. I hold this experience dear because, it was a call to 'BECOME'.

Very important choices you must make in 'Becoming' includes

1. Choose your identity (choose to become a person of value)

2 Tim 2:20-21(msg translation) In a well-furnished kitchen there are not only crystal goblets and silver platters, but waste cans and compost buckets—some containers used to serve fine meals, others to take out the garbage. Become the kind of container God can use to present any and every kind of gift to his guests for their blessing.

2 Timothy 2:20-21 (kjv)

[20] But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

[21] If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

The choice to 'become' is yours to make and not for other to make for you. Don't allow people to make that choice for you because they won't be the ones to live with the consequences of that decision be it good or bad.

During campaigns for 2017/2018 NAMS election one of the aspirant said to me that I was only good to be president of the fellowship and not president of the association; my response to that statement was 'what defines a leader is not the portfolio; a leader instead defines the portfolio - I am a leader regardless the environment. We are all called to be leaders. You are designed with an inherent capacity to lead. Your identity is found only in God; you are who he says you are and not what others say.

To become a person of value, you must embrace your significance, uniqueness, specialization and originality. When kings look for you, it is proof that you are valueable. You must choose your identity. Your identity comes from your source. You are everything God's word says you are.

2. Choose what you call things

Genesis 1:3-5

*[3] And **God said**, Let there be light: and there was light.*

*[4] And **God saw** the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.*

*[5] And **God called** the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.*

There is a pattern with everything that was created. Firstly, God said, then saw what he said and called (named) what was created.

Two ways to express the power of choice are: **Selection and Naming.** God from whom we derived the power of choice expressed this during creation.

Genesis 2:19-23

[19]And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; ***and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.***

[20]And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; *but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.*

[21]And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

[22]And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

[23]And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: ***she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.***

When God created the beast of the field and the fowls of the air, he brought them to Adam 'to see what he would call them'. If the ability to call things or give name to things wasn't present in man as a core, God would not have brought the animals to Adam for naming. Also, when the woman was created she was brought to Adam and he called her 'woman'.

When a name is given to a thing, by that an identity is given as well. Your name is your identity

ACTION (say this audibly)

Today, I choose to be a person of value and a treasure mine, to my immediate society and world at large. I am who God says I am; a creator just like Him. I am powerful beyond measure, I am a victor and I am equipped to always make the right choices.

CHAPTER THREE

CONNECTION

Everything that works, is connected; connected to one or all of these - a source, a higher force, it's members, and people. A tree thrives because it is connected to the soil where it receives nutrient. The human body is a typology of the blessedness of connection. For the body to function to full capacity, each body part must be connected. Isolation where there is need for connection is anti-productive.

God established connection when he created the heaven and earth.

Genesis 1:6-12,20-21,24-26

[6] And God said, ***Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.***

[7] And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

[8] And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

[9] And God said, ***Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.***

[10] ***And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas:*** *and God saw that it was good.*

[11] And God said, ***Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.***

[12] And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

[20] ***And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.***

[21] And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

[24] And God said, ***Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.***

[25] And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and

every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

[26] And God said, ***Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:*** *and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (Emphasis added)*

The grass, herb yielding seed, fruit tree yielding fruit came from the earth and so their survival is tied to the earth they are connected to; so is every living creature that moves on the earth. When man was created, he was connected to God; man's survival is solely dependent on God. God was (and is) man's source.

To become all you were created to be, you must be connected to God. Man generally is desirous of connection - he wants to connect with people, he wants to connect to something that works etc. Connection is inherent in man's wiring. There is a link between here and there; finding the link is essential to transitting.

Finding the link (the connection) is key to becoming.

While Jesus was on earth, He always made reference to the father, and revealed his connection to the father. Severally, he said the son of man can do nothing by himself, but what he sees the father do. This goes to show the relevance of staying connected. Your relevance is determined by your connection to the source. Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, he said a prayer to the father for his disciples and by extension for all who believes:

John 17:11

[11]And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, ***that they may be one, as we are.***

It is his desire that 'we be one' - this entails being one with self and one with others. Oneness with others is what Apostle Paul referred to as the 'unity of Spirit in the bond of peace' (Ephesians 4:3). For every individual that has achieved something great with their life or experienced a marked transition, at one point or the other exhibited a high level of oneness with self. This is characterized by unity in THOUGHT, WORD and ACTION. When your thoughts, words and actions are in alignment, the expected outcome is guaranteed. This is an eminent feature of the god being. Thoughts and words in the realms of the spirit are actions; when these spiritual actions are in tandem with a physical action, the expected result cannot be hindered from manifesting - this is the power of connection.

ACTION

Today, refuse to act in misalignment with self; make every effort to remain aligned with God by thinking his thoughts and speaking his words consistently.

CHAPTER FOUR

TIME

Time only exist in earth and God instituted time by introducing light. Time separates events; as a matter of fact, time makes events (purposes) on earth recognizable. Order and chronology exist in earth; therefore time is a marker of events (purposes) on earth.

Time is the distinction between events, it is the passing of moments. Time is a measure of movement. This is the reason why time cannot be measured or determined in the absence of motion or movement. We use the movement of the hand of clock to determine time and this movement is in cycle. One major characteristic of time is 'cycle'; there will be no time without cycles. In other words time is a cycle which comprises of numerous transitions. Remember that Becoming is transitional.

In the creation story, there was evening and morning, the bible did not say 'there was evening then morning' this is to say that both co existed. Just like science has revealed that day and night is caused by Earth's rotation, while change in seasons is caused by Earth's revolution. From creation we see that it is the moving body that determines time. You are also a moving body and you determine time - the time is right for a transition when you deem it so.

The time is right for a transition when you deem it so

Eternity is timeless because it is not a cycle and events don't progress to an end unlike what is obtainable on earth. Words are eternal hence are not restricted by time.

There's no end without a beginning and likewise no beginning without an end on the earth; hence the perpetual cycle of events. This was what King Solomon saw and said "there's nothing new under the sun". (Ecclesiastes 1:9)

Remember the words of Jesus

John 9:4

[4]I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

As god beings the light we need to walk is within. *John 11:10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him.*

The entrance of God’s word gives light and understanding unto the simple. (Psalms 119:130)

Genesis 8:22

[22]While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

The cycle of events will not cease as long as the earth remains, meaning that time will not cease. You can have this knowledge and still be frustrated. What do I mean? Have you heard people say things like 'I am waiting for so and so event to happen' while they do nothing about ensuring that the event happens? This kind of waiting is different from waiting on God or trusting him to bring his words to pass. For most people, that event never happens and time is wasted in waiting.

The understanding of time is imperative in 'Becoming'. Understanding of time is associated with knowing what to do. This is how to escape the frustration of unfruitful waiting. The children of Issachar had an understanding of the times; this means they had paid close attention to studying the cycle of events which other tribes probably had no understanding of or interest in. Understanding the time requires strict observation.

1 Chronicles 12:32

[32]And of the children of Issachar, which ***were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do;*** *the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

[1]To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

[2]A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

[3]A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

[4]A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

[5]A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

[6]A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

[7]A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

[8]A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

God is a spirit and is omnipresent meaning that he is everywhere at the same time - in your past, present and future. He is not restricted by time because he is the beginning

and end.

As long as man is in this body (flesh) which is a gift from God, he is bounded by time and the only time guaranteed or given is NOW.

The concept of time is relative and there've been so many propositions on how to measure time. Time firstly is the passing of moments; the summation of moments past, moment present and moments to come equals time. Therefore, the three fundamental units by which events are measured on a time scale are: past, present and future.

God is an eternal being and therefore spans through time.

Jeremiah 1:4-5

[4]Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

[5]Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Since God is eternal, the first and last, the beginning and end, he has lived through time and knows all things; we therefore are living in God's past.

Your past is in God's past

Your present is in God's past

Your future is in God's past

The word of God is light and light introduces time. Whenever the word of God is spoken, in the realm of the spirit that same word has already been fulfilled. No wonder the Psalmist said this:

Psalms 119:89

[89] LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.

The word settled means established, performed, accomplished or fulfilled. The word of God is fulfilled in heaven but that word has to be fulfilled on earth.

Isaiah 55:8-11

[8] For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

[9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

[10] For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

[11] So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

I want you to note the comparison used in this scripture

One major influencing factor of all the happenings in earth is TIME

There's no doubt that whatever God says comes to pass, the question is at what time will the word be fulfilled?

Ecclesiastes 1:9 msg "What was will be again, what happened will happen again. There's nothing new on this earth".

The earth consist of several cycles that ensures continuity for example, carbon cycle, water cycle, oxygen cycle etc. The earth would have been in disequilibrium in the absence of 'cycles of events'. Take a look at the story of creation; for every day in creation, there was evening and morning - to ensure balance in creation.

A complete cycle of event equals set time and set time equals NOW.

God (who is eternal and lives outside time) exist and speaks in terms of NOW (Present) and not in past or future terms. On few occasions we see God speaking in future terms

Genesis 12:1-3

[1]Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

[2]And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

[3]And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

When God appoints a set time for a purpose, he fulfills it at that time; but where there is no set time i.e no time appointed, the TIME IS NOW.

John 4:23-24

[23] But the hour cometh, and now is, *when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.*

[24] God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 5:25

[25] ***Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is,*** *when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.*

John 12:30-32

[30] Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.

[31] ***Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.***

[32] And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

The progression of events and earth scenes tends towards the end (fulfilment), for surely there is an end.

Proverbs 23:18

[18]For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.

Coincidence does not exist because the existence of God as a master orchestrator proves so. As long as there is an orchestrator, there are no coincidences.

NOW is tomorrows past and yesterdays future; both the past and future exist in NOW (the present).

As god beings we have the capacity to interface with the past, present and future as such we are not limited or restricted by time.

God's now can be your past

God's now can be your present

God's now can be your future

Time serves faith and action is a statement of faith

DECLARATION

Today, I act on the word of the Lord to me. I am not about to be healed, now I am healed. I am not about to be delivered, now I am delivered. The miracle and breakthrough I desire is not about to be done, now it is done. God's promises to me is not about to be fulfilled, now they are fulfilled. Rejoice! For it is done

CHAPTER FIVE

THIN-LINE PRINCIPLE

This principle is what I call the principle of knowledge. As a god being knowledge is a fundamental component of your being. Knowledge is more than an information; it is a stimulus of the spiritual senses. Perception is quickened by knowledge (perception has been discussed extensively in previous chapter).

You probably have heard the saying 'knowledge is power and the application of knowledge is greater power'; this is true when knowledge is considered in the context of information. I believe that knowledge and it's application is only as powerful to the degree of your conviction. Knowledge is power when there is a strong conviction; otherwise it is just another information.

Genesis 2:8-9

[8] And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

[9] And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

One of my mentors whom I honour in life and in death - Dr Myles Munroe, taught in one of his sermons that Eden means the presence of God. Therefore man (Adam) was formed and placed in the very presence of God to tend the garden which God had planted. Verse 9 of Genesis chapter said **"And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food**;" every tree includes the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, meaning that both trees where pleasant to sight and good for food. Man however was commanded to eat of every tree except of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This is because the tree of the knowledge of good and evil though was made to grow out of the ground by the Lord God and pleasant to sight, was good for food but not food for man (Adam).

Genesis 2:16-17

[16]And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

[17]But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

The question is why didn't the woman see that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eyes until the serpent spoke to her?

Genesis 3:1-7

[1]Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. ***And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?***

[2]And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

[3]But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

*[4]**And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:***

[5]For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

*[6]**And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.***

[7]And the eyes of them both were opened, and ***they knew that they were naked;*** *and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

The temptation of the woman by the serpent started off as a quest to determine whether the woman had full proof knowledge of what God had said; hence the question hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

The serpent took the temptation further by defying God, presenting a lie when he said to the woman "Ye shall not surely die". Remember that while God gave man the command he said *"in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die".*

To conclude the temptation, the serpent presented a knowledge in form of an information. This is what got the attention of the woman. It was this information that initiated a desire within her and gave her a new perspective on what was. For the first time she saw that the tree was good for food and pleasant to the eyes and to be desired to make one wise. This became her focus and led her to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The woman and man by extension fell for this temptation because of the lack of knowledge. What knowledge did they lack?

Psalms 82:6-7

*[6]**I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.***

[7]But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

When God created man in Genesis 1, he said 'let us make man in our image, after our likeness..' Man was made in the very image and likeness of God, in other words man was already god and there was no need to be 'as gods'. The lack of this knowledge is what led to the fall of man.

Destruction is the consequence of the lack of and despise of knowledge. When you despise knowledge, you despise God because the Lord is God of knowledge.

1 Samuel 2:3

[3]Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: ***for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.***

Isaiah 5:13

[13]Therefore my people are gone into captivity, ***because they have no knowledge:*** *and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.*

Ecclesiastes 7:12

[12]For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence: ***but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.***

Psalms 82:1-7

[1] (A Psalm of Asaph.) God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

[2] How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

[3] Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.

[4] Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

[5] They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

[6]I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

[7] But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.

In Luke 4:1-14, we see how Jesus overcame temptation by knowledge. For the three times Satan tempted him, his response remained "IT IS WRITTEN". This response shows that Jesus had knowledge of what was written. The question is: do you have the knowledge of what is written or said about you? First of all, if he didn't know he was the Son of God, he would have stumbled at the temptation.

THE KNOWLEDGE OF WHO YOU ALREADY ARE IS ESSENTIAL TO YOUR BECOMING

You can only become (i.e manifest actively) who you are (i.e in spirit)

In Genesis 1, God engaged actively in 'creation' i.e making things which are seen out of things which are not seen.

Hebrews 11:3 [3] Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Whereas in Genesis 2, God engaged in formation i.e giving a form or shape to what was created. Hence, we see that in *Genesis 2:7* ***God formed man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.***

While in *Genesis 1:26-27*

[26] And ***God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:*** *and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. [27]* ***So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.***

From these scriptures, it is not out of place to say that 'the idea is the actual creation'. In other words 'the thought of a thing is the actual creation'. Creation can be out of nothing tangible or physical; but you can't form out of nothing. God gave form to what was already created in Genesis 1 by using tangible materials such as dust of the ground.

To understand this further let's consider another scripture

Genesis 11:1-6 [1] And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. [2] And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

[3] ***And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter.***

[4] And they said, Go to, ***let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.***

[5] And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

[6] And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which ***they have***

imagined to do.

The inhabitants of the earth said to themselves 'let us build us a city and a tower...' in the same way God 'said' in Genesis 1 during creation. In other words, they were engaging in creation activity just like God. At this point it was just an idea however when God came down to see the city and tower which the children of men builded, he saw a finished work. Their imagination was a finished work in the eyes of God. Thoughts are actions in the realm of the spirit.

Proverbs 23:7 ***For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he***

You are your thoughts.

If you think you are weak, you are weak; if you think you are strong, you are strong; likewise if you think you are rich, you are rich; you are your thoughts.

I want you to consider these scriptures as I draw a correlation:

Proverbs 3:19-20 [19] The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. [20] By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

Proverbs 24:3-4 [3] Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: [4] And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

	PROVERB 3:19-20	**PROVERB 24:3-4**
BY WISDOM	God founded the Earth	A house is built
BY UNDERSTANDING	God established the heavens	A house is established
BY KNOWLEDGE	The depths (of the earth) are broken The clouds (of the heavens) drop down dew (Emphasis added)	The chambers are filled with **all** precious and pleasant riches

As god beings we are fashioned to operate like God. God employed the use of WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING AND KNOWLEDGE during creation, we must do likewise.

You need wisdom to build anything. Wisdom is the right application of knowledge and it is known by deed. It is the ability to control an outcome by understanding. It is also the most appropriate situational response to things, events or people.

Luke 6:47-49 [47] ***Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them,*** *I will shew you to whom he is like: [48]* ***He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.*** *[49]* ***But he that heareth, and doeth not,*** *is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.*

It is not enough to have knowledge (information), you must rightly apply that knowledge for it to be wisdom. Information in this generation is not scarce however the right application of these knowledge is lacking amongst many.

Understanding means intelligence; and this is needed to ensure that a house is established - made to stand firm. Understanding entails the right connection of knowledge.

Lastly knowledge is the means by which depths are broken and the dews drop down. For every result produced, there is a knowledge (an information) that's responsible. Your result is at the mercy of your knowledge. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32). It is the knowledge of the truth that makes free. *Proverbs 23:[23]* ***Buy the truth, and sell it not;*** *also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.* Whatever information you are deficient of will reflect in your result.

The process of Becoming is initiated by KNOWLEDGE, controlled by PERCEPTION, sustained in TIME and enabled by CHOICE; the CONNECTION of all four guarantees the process.

ACTION

Today, guard your thought with all diligence, think on what is true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report. Make a decision to study the word of God and live by it for therein lies your treasure. Invest in gaining wisdom, understanding and knowledge.

CHAPTER SIX

THE PRINCIPLE OF ACCEPTANCE

This principle is also known as 'BELIEVE'. Whatever you accept is what you believe; believing is a response to supernatural realities. Everything that God said he will do, in reality has already been done; remember He is the beginning and the end.

Revelation 21:5-6 [5] And he that sat upon the throne said, ***Behold, I make all things new.*** *And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

[6] And he said unto me, ***It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.*** *I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*

Accepting what God has already done guarantees walking in its tangible reality. Believing is the acceptance of this knowledge - IT IS DONE

After the death of Lazarus, Jesus went to raise him up and had this conversation with Martha the sister to Lazarus:

John 11:17-28 msg

17-20 When Jesus finally got there, he found Lazarus already four days dead. Bethany was near Jerusalem, only a couple of miles away, and many of the Jews were visiting Martha and Mary, sympathizing with them over their brother. Martha heard Jesus was coming and went out to meet him. Mary remained in the house.

21-22 Martha said, ***"Master, if you'd been here, my brother wouldn't have died. Even now, I know that whatever you ask God he will give you."***

23 Jesus said, "Your brother will be raised up."

24 Martha replied, ***"I know that he will be raised up in the resurrection at the end of time."***

25-26 ***"You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life.*** *The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all.* ***Do you believe this?"***

27 ***"Yes, Master. All along I have believed that you are the Messiah, the Son of God who comes into the world."***

28 After saying this, she went to her sister Mary and whispered in her ear, "The Teacher is here and is asking for you."

Martha started the conversation like some of us would by saying **"Master, if you'd been**

here, my brother wouldn't have died. However, she was aware that God was going to give Jesus whatever he asked; which is an essential knowledge to receiving a miracle. As a child of God, you must know that God is able to give you whatever you ask. This knowing is fundamental to receiving from God. God is pleased when you believe and accept what He can do in and through you.

Hebrews 11:6 [6] But without faith it is impossible to please him: ***for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.***

Martha was knowledgeable about the resurrection of the dead on the last day as such had accepted (believes) that her brother was going to be raised on the last day; but here is Jesus presenting a knowledge (an information) saying *"You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life... Do you believe this?*" He inquired of Martha. Accepting this information presented by Jesus equals believing and not merely saying 'I believe'. Martha upon hearing the words of Jesus accepted it and affirmed saying "Yes Master".

What will be your response when the word of the Lord comes to you? Accepting the word of the Lord to you superimposes it over your current physical reality thus bringing it to pass. Like Mary this should be your response 'be it unto me according to your word'.

Jesus also had a conversation with a man whose son was demon possessed, and I find this conversation interesting:

Mark 9:17-27 msg

17-18 A man out of the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought my mute son, made speechless by a demon, to you. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and goes stiff as a board. I told your disciples, hoping they could deliver him, but they couldn't."

19-20 Jesus said, "What a generation! No sense of God! How many times do I have to go over these things? How much longer do I have to put up with this? Bring the boy here." They brought him. When the demon saw Jesus, it threw the boy into a seizure, causing him to writhe on the ground and foam at the mouth.

21-22 He asked the boy's father, "How long has this been going on?" "Ever since he was a little boy. Many times it pitches him into fire or the river to do away with him. ***If you can do anything, do it. Have a heart and help us!"***

23 ***Jesus said, "If? There are no 'ifs' among believers. Anything can happen."***

24 ***No sooner were the words out of his mouth than the father cried, "Then I believe.***

Help me with my doubts!"

25-27 Seeing that the crowd was forming fast, Jesus gave the vile spirit its marching orders: "Dumb and deaf spirit, I command you—Out of him, and stay out!" Screaming, and with much thrashing about, it left. The boy was pale as a corpse, so people started saying, "He's dead." But Jesus, taking his hand, raised him. The boy stood up.

Jesus' reply to the man whose son was possessed when he said "if you can do anything, do it" showed that as a believer, certain words as eroded completely from your vocabulary by reason of knowledge; example of such word is 'if'. For a believer the outcome is known and certain. We are not 'believing' because we are ignorant of the outcome; we are believing so as to superimpose the outcome to the appearance of all - that all may know.

2 Corinthians 1:20 ***For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.***

God gets glory when we accept his promises as a done deal; because in reality it is already done.

ACTION (say this audibly)

Today, I BELIEVE

I believe the impossible is made possible for me

I believe the miraculous is happening for me

I believe the word of God

I BELIEVE

CHAPTER SEVEN

THE ASSURANCE OF PRODUCTIVITY

Productivity is like a force field that is attractive. A good tree that bears fruit will naturally attract humans. A branch that does not bear fruit is despised by all and ultimately cut off.

God has put in you all that it takes to live and fulfil purpose on earth. You've been created with a unique purpose therefore settling for an average life or a life of mediocrity is not an option when you desire to strongly pursue this purpose.

Genesis 1:11,20

[11] And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

[20] And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

There is a seed in every human and God expects that seed to bear fruit.

Fruitfulness is the essence/hallmark of living. When man was created, God gave him a command to be fruitful and to increase in number. Your fulfilment in life is tied to your obedience of this command.

Genesis 1:28

[28] And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Today, you will find many unfulfilled individuals walking down the street, frustrated and completely depressed. The reason for this downcast life is the disobedience of this command -UNFRIUTFULNESS.

Within you lies the seed for fruitfulness. This seed is in the form of gifts, talents and skills. Don't neglect the seed within you because it is responsible for your fruit and your fruit guarantees your fulfilment in life.

Every human was created with a seed and for that seed to grow and become fruitful, it must be exposed to environmental conditions that supports it's growth and development.

For example, if you have the gift of writing, exposing that gift to a pen and paper will aid it's development. If your gift is singing, exposing that gift to musical knowledge will

further aid it's development.

When God calls out from within anything, it is because he has placed it there. Also when there is a demand on you to do certain things, it is most likely that within you lies the gifts, talents or ability to do so.

The seed within you is the assurance of your fruitfulness and productivity.

YOU HAVE A SEED PLACED WITHIN YOU

ACTION

Today, embrace your significance, value, gifts and talents. Sow that seed which God has placed within you for therein lies your fruitfulness.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S PROMISES

1. I have rest on everyside according to all that has been promised me.

2. God makes me to prosper as I perpetually seek him and long after him.

3. I obtain favor in the sight of all who sees me

4. My latter is characterized by exceeding abundant increase and lifting.

5. Good comes to me free course, unhindered and always as I acquaint myself with God.

6. I am built up physically, mentally, relationally, financially and spiritually as I return to the Almighty.

7. The Almighty us my gold and precious silver.

8. Though the wicked heaps up silver like dust and piles up clothing like clay, he may pile it up but the just (I) will wear it and divide the silver.

9. I am the blessed man with the blessing.

10. I am like a tree planted by the rivers of waters that brings forth my fruit in it's season

11. My leaf never withers

12. Whatever I do prospers.

13. There's no want for me who fears the lord.

14. Lack and want is far from me

15. I seek the lord, therefore I shall not lack any good thing.

16. Let the lord be magnified who has pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

17. I dwell peacefully in the land the lord has given me and I feed on his faithfullness.

18. I receive the desires of my heart beacuse I delight in the lord.

20. Though I lie down among the sheepfolds, yet I will be like the wings of a dove covered with silver, and my feathers with yellow gold.

21. My exaltation, lifting, promotion comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south, nor from the north, but from the lord.

22. My horns are exalted.

23. I have every good thing because the lord is my sun and shield, he gives me grace

and glory

24. No evil shall befall me nor my family, loved ones, friends etc because I have made the lord who is my refuge, even the Most high my habitation.

25. No plague shall come near my dwelling; for he will give his angels charge over me to keep me in all my ways. They shall bear me up in their hands lest I dash my foot against a stone.

26. I shall tread upon the lion and the cobra

27. I trample under my feet the young lion and the serpent

28. The lord sets me on high, because I know his name and he knows me by name.

29. The lord delivers me and honours me. With long life he satisfies me and shows me his salvation.

30. The lord heals all my diseases

31. He redeems my life from destruction

32. He crowns me with loving kindness and tender mercies.

33. He satisfies my mouth with good things so that my youth is renewed like the eagles.

34. The mercy of the lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him.

35. My descendants will be mighty on the earth.

36. My generation is blessed.

37. Wealth and riches are in my house

38. Unto me there arises light in the darkness.

39. I lend to nations and not borrow.

40. I guide my affairs with discretion

41. Surely I will never be shaken.

42. I will be in everlasting remembrance

43. My heart is steadfast trusting in the lord

44. My heart is established and I will not be afraid

45. My horn is exalted with honour.

46. I shall not die but live to declare the works of the lord.

47. This is the day the lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it

48. I have great peace and nothing causes me to stumble.

49. The lord has chosen me

50. My provision is abundantly blessed.

51. The lord satisfies me with bread

52. The lord makes my horn grow and prepares a lamp for me

53. The lord will not allow my soul to famish

54. I am diligent and the hand of the diligent makes one rich

55. Blessings are on my head

56. My memory is blessed

57. I walk securely because I walk in integrity

58. My mouth is a well of life

59. My tongue is a choice silver

60. My lip feeds many

61. I am a tree of life

62. My generous soul is made fat and rich

63. I flourish like a foliage

64. In my house there is much treasure

65. I am satisfied by the fruits of my mouth and filled by the produce of my lips.

66. My gifts makes room for me and brings me before great men

67. The lord goes before me and makes crooked places straight, he breaks in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron.

68. I have the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places

69. The lord teaches me to profit, he leads me in the path of righteousness, he prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.

70. For as the rain comes down and the snow from heaven and do not return there, but water the earth and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, it shall not return to me void ; but shall accomplish what I please and it shall prosper in the things for which I sent it.

71. I rise shinning for my light has come and the glory of the lord is risen upon me.

72. The gentiles shall come to my light and kings to the brightness of my rising

73. The abundance of the sea is turned to me

74. The wealth of the gentiles comes to me

75. Multitudes of cars shall cover my land

76. Porsche cars and fords and all those from world power state shall bring gold, silver, and incense and they shall proclaim the praises of the lord.

77. All the flocks of the north shall be gathered together to me, the rams, goats, sheeps, cattle etc. They shall ascend with acceptance on God's altar.

78. Surely my gates shall continually be opened; they shall not be shut day or night that men may bring to me the wealth of gentiles and their kings in procession.

79. The glory of other nations shall come to me

80. The lord makes me an eternal excellence, a joy of many generations.

81. I shall drink dry the milk of the gentiles and shall milk the breast of kings; in their glory I shall boast.

82. Instead of bronze the lord gives me gold, instead of iron, the lord gives me silver, instead of wood, bronze and instead of stones iron.

83. The lord is my everlasting light

84. I shall eat the riches of the gentiles and in their glory I shall boast

85. Instead of shame I have double honour

86. All men seek me, all men sought after me

87. The lord satiates my soul with abundance and I shall be satisfied with God's goodness.

88. My work shall be rewarded says the lord

89. My threshing floors shall be full of wheat

90. My vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

91. I shall eat in plenty and be satisfied

92. The lord has given me the former rain and he will cause the rain to come down for me - the former rain and the latter rain all in the first month

93. I seek the lord and I live

94. The silver and the gold is mine says the lord of hosts.

95. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former and in this place I will give peace says the lord of host

96. For my seed shall be prosperous, the vine shall give it's fruit, the ground shall give her increase and heavens shall give their dew.

97. I am a blessing to nations, cities, towns, continents

98. All nations call me blessed

99. I refuse to worry, nor be anxious for anything.

100. All things work together for my good

101. All things are mine, freely given to me

102. I am more than a conqueror through Christ

103. I owe no man nothing

104. I am raised with Christ, therefore I seek those things that are above where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God

105. The lord is faithful who will establish me and guard me from the evil one.

106. I am a city without walls, my fame is breaking forth internationally

107. The lord is a wall of fire around me and my glory

108. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

109. I am the salt of the earth and the light of the world

110. I am a crown of splendor and a royal diadem in the lord's hands

111. Your help oh lord has made me great.